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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1/ line 3, delete "chip" and insert --tip--; line 7, delete "chip" and insert --tip--.

Page 2, line 2, delete "chip" and insert --tip--;
line 16, delete "chip" and insert --tip--.

Page 3/ line 8, delete "chip" and insert --tip--;
line 10, delete "chip" and insert --tip--;
line 12, delete "chip" and insert --tip--;
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